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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - KEY ISSUES

REF: STATE 191465

BEGIN SUMMARY: AUGUST 28 REVIEW WITH DFA OF USG POSITIONS  
ON MAJOR ISSUES IN UPCOMING GA AS OUTLINED REFTTEL REVEALED  
NO MAJOR AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT EXCEPT ON SOUTH AFRICA. LATEST  
GOP VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION SENT SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY

1. ON AUG 28, POL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH DFA'S  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS VERCELES  
(WHO WILL BE IN GOP DELEGATION TO 30TH GA) TO REVIEW  
ISSUES PRESENTED REFTTEL. EMBASSY HAD EARLIER FURNISHED  
VERCELES WITH BRIEFING PAPERS (EXCEPT FOR ISRAEL). FOLLOWING  
IS RUNDOWN OF GOP VIEWS.

2. 7TH SPECIAL SESSION - VERCELES EXPRESSED HOPE VEVENTS  
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AT NAC IN LIMA WOULD NOT EXACERBATE SITUATION AT EITHER 7TH

SS OR 30TH GA. HE SAID GOP WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO EXERT "SOBER-  
ING INFLUENCE" ON NON-ALIGNED STATES. HE TERMED USG ATTITUDE  
TOWARD 7TH SPECIAL SESSION POSITIVE AND PRAISED FRANKNESS WITH  
WHICH US HAD STATED ITS POSITION. VERCELES (WHO SERVED AS  
PHILIPPINE DEP. PER. REP. IN NEW YORK FOR MANY YEARS) EXPRESSED  
SATISFACTION US TAKING MORE "AGRESSIVE" STANCE AND PRESENTING  
ITS POSITION MORE POSITIVELY. HE FELT THAT IN PAST USG IN-  
CLIND BE TOO PASSIVE IN EXPOUNDING ITS VIEWPOINT IN UN FORA.

3. CYPRUS - VERCELES SAID THERE WAS RELATIVELY LITTLE NON-  
ALIGNED INTEREST IN CYPRUS. HE SAID GOP WOULD HAVE TO  
"WAIT ON DEVELOPMENTS."

4. AFRICAN ISSUES - SOUTH AFRICA: GOP POSITION ON SOUTH  
AFRICA WILL BE SAME AS LAST YEAR, I.E. GOP WILL VOTE REJECT  
CURRENT SA GOVERNMENT'S CREDENTIALS. HOWEVER, VERCELES DOES  
NOT BELIEVE SA PROBLEM WILL BE AS CRITICAL THIS YEAR BECAUSE  
OF WESTERN EUROPEAN (THORN) IN GA PRESIDENCY. HE FEELS THORN  
WILL REVERT TO HAMBRO RULE. POL COUNS ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY  
OF TWO-THIRDS VOTE OVERTURNING THORN DECISION. VERCELES FELT  
THIS NOT LIKELY. FYI: IF IT CAME TO VOTE WE BELIEVE GOP WOULD  
VOTE AGAINST THORN RULING. END FYI. IN ANY EVENT, GOP IS NOT  
ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE THIS YEAR AND BELIEVES INTEREST IN SA  
ISSUE NOT AS HIGH THIS YEAR AS LAST. GOP POSITION ON RHODESIA  
AND NAMIBIA REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS IT WAS IN LAST  
YEAR'S UNGA. VERCELES EXPECTS NO MOVEMENT ON THESE ISSUES.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS - VERCELES FELT CHILE WOULD BE A MAJOR  
PROBLEM. HE ANTICIPATES EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REJECT CHILEAN  
CREDENTIALS. VERCELES SAID FLATLY GOP IS COMMITTED TO  
SUPPORT CHILE.

6. DISARMAMENT ISSUES - AS SMALL POWER, VERCELES INDI-  
CATED GOP NOT OVERWHELMINGLY CONCERNED WITH VARIOUS  
COMPLICATED DISARMAMENT ISSUES. HE SAID GOP IS IN FAVOR  
OF NFZ AND IS DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD  
IOPZ. AS FOR WDC, VERCELES SAID GOP VERY MUCH AWARE SOVIET  
PURPOSES IN PROPOSING WDC.

7. FINANCIAL ISSUES - VERCELES ASKED ABOUT US VIEWS ON  
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CONTRIBUTIONS. POL COUNS INDICATED US DID NOT WISH TO PAY  
ANY MORE THAN IT PAYING NOW; I.E. 25 PER CENT AND STRESSED  
NEED FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY IN UN OPERATIONS. VERCELES  
NOTED ACTUAL US CONTRIBUTION TO ACTIVITIES SUCH AS UNDP WAS  
RISING BECAUSE OF INFLATION BUT SYMPATHIZED WITH US POSITION  
ON NOT INCREASING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UN OR ITS AGENCIES.  
VERCELES SAID FRANKLY GOP ALSO DID NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE  
ANY MORE TOWARDS UN EXPENDITURES.

8. ISRAEL - IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PARA 1 REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAD NOT PROVIDED DFA WITH STATEMENT OF US POSITION ON ISRAEL PRIOR CONSULTATION SESSION, ALTHOUGH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED VERCELES TEXT OF L'S OPINION ON LEGALITY OF SUSPENDING OR EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM UN. IN COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION, VERCELES SAID THAT HE FELT ISRAEL ISSUE "SIMMERING DOWN" ESPECIALLY AFTER NAC IN LIMA. VERCELES SAID GOP WELL AWARE OF DAMAGE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL COULD DO TO UN.

9. COMMENT: VERCELES APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS USG POSITION ON VARIOUS ISSUES AT UPCOMING GA. HIS REMARKS REVEALED NO MAJOR AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT WITH USG POSITION EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICA, ALTHOUGH WE CAN EXPECT GOP WILL MISS NO OPPORTUNITY TO DELINEATE ITS THIRD WORLD IMAGE. VERCELES WILL BE A KEY MAN IN GOP DELEGATION. HE HAS WEALTH OF UNGA EXPERIENCE AND IS DISPOSED TO BE HELPFUL TO USG. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND USUN MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH AND CULTIVATE VERCELES WHO IS GENUINE PROFESSIONAL AND, UNLIKE MANY OF HIS DFA COLLEAGUES, KNOWS WHEREOF HE SPEAKS. SULLIVAN

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